

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,	)	Application No. 911-031.02
on its own motion, to establish	)	
surcharges assessed on users of	)	
prepaid wireless service and,	)	ORDER APPROVING ALTERNATE
methods for the collection and	)	METHOD OF COLLECTION AND
remittance of surcharges from	)	REMITTANCE
carriers offering prepaid	)	
wireless services: Alltel	)	Entered: September 30, 2008
Communications, Inc.	)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N      A N D      F I N D I N G S

On June 19, 2007, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) hereby opened this proceeding, on its own motion, to establish surcharges assessed on users of prepaid wireless service and methods for the collection and remittance of surcharges from carriers offering prepaid wireless services as required by the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-441, et seq. (Cum. Supp. 2006), as amended by Nebraska Laws LB 661 [2007] (the Act).

Each wireless carrier offering prepaid services was required to notify the Commission as to which method it would utilize or as to any proposed alternative method it would utilize no later than September 1, 2007, or at the time the wireless carrier remitted payment of any surcharges attributable to prepaid wireless service, whichever was sooner.

On or about September 4, 2007, Alltel Communications, Inc. filed a proposed alternative method. Alltel proposed applying the rate in effect based upon the number of active prepaid subscribers with a positive balance at the last day of the month, plus the number of inactive prepaid subscribers at the end of the month with a positive balance for any amount of time during the affected month. Alltel further states that it will bear the payment of the 911 surcharge as a direct expense of the company until such time as it is able to adapt its systems to collect from the prepaid customers directly.

The Commission finds that the proposed methodology is acceptable and should be approved. Alltel shall not alter the methodology in any manner without prior approval of the Commission. Furthermore, Alltel shall retain documentation supporting the amounts remitted, for audit purposes.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the alternate methodology proposed by Alltel Communications, Inc. is approved pursuant to the terms set forth herein.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 30th day of September, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director